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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: STATE 211396

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT PRESIDENT
BOURGUIBA'S LETTER MENTIONED PARA 5 REFTEL AND RECEIVED
IN DEPARTMENT AUGUST 19:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I RECEIVED WITH PLEASURE
AND READ WITH GREAT INTEREST YOUR MESSAGE IN WHICH YOU
THOUGHTFULLY INFORMED ME OF THE EFFORTS THAT YOU CONSIDER
TAKING IN ORDER TO EXPLORE, IN A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT
ANWAR SADAT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND MENACHEM
BEGIN, THE ISRAELI LEADER, AND IN WHICH YOU WILL ALSO
PARTICIPATE, AVENUES LIKELY TO LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS EVIDENT THAT SUCH AN
INITIATIVE IS INSPIRED BY YOUR HIGHLY LAUDABLE DETERMINA-

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TION TO PERSEVERE WITH HOPE AND TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE
INEVITABILITY OF THE DIRE CATASTROPHE WITH WHICH THE WORLD
IS THREATENED THROUGH PERSISTENT DEFIANCE OF THE ARABS IN
REJECTING SOLUTIONS FREE OF ANY IDEA OF DOMINATION AND
BASED ON INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRINCIPLES.

I UNDERSTAND, ALL THE MORE SO SINCE IN 1965 I PERSONALLY

SOUGHT WITH FAITH AND CLARITY TO BRING ABOUT SUCH
SOLUTIONS; IT WAS IN VAIN. SADLY, I ENCOUNTERED MISUNDER-
STANDING AND SUBSEQUENTLY SAW ABUNDANT TRAGIC EVIDENCE
WHICH OVER THE YEARS CAUSED THE MOST SKEPTICAL TO REGRET
NOT HAVING FOLLOWED THE PATH OF REASON. HOWEVER, I
SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU SUCCEED IN OVERCOMING THE
DISASTROUS OPPOSITION TO JUSTICE AND IN ILLUSTRATING ONCE
AGAIN THE NOBLE AMERICAN TRADITIONS OF LAW AND PEACE.

WITH MY CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP FOR YOU AND THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE, AND MY HEARTIEST GOOD WISHES, HABIB BOUGRUIBA,
PRESIDENT OF THE TUNISIAN REPUBLIC. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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